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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN NATURAL GAS FOR AUSTRIA

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1. RELIABLE AUSTRIAN SOURCES CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT APRIL 1 PASSAU MEETING BETWEEN AUSTRIAN TRADE MINISTER STARIBACHER AND MINISTERS FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF GERMAN STATES BAVARIA AND BADEN- WUERTENBERG RESULTED IN BASIC UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING COOPERATION IN FIELD OF NATURAL GAS IMPORTS FROM ALGERIA. MINISTERS ALSO REPORTEDLY AGREED AUSTRIA SHOULD RECEIVE 2 BILLION CU METERS OF ALGERIAN NATURAL GAS ANNUALLY, BEGINNING 1978.

2. MAJOR TOPIC CONCERNED AUSTRIA'S ASSISTANCE IN REALIZING PROJECTED MONFALCONE- KIEFERSFELDEN PIPELINE. IT WAS AGREED THAT NATIONAL COMPANIES OPERATING PIPELINE SHOULD HOLD MAJORITY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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OWN COUNTRY AND RECEIVE MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN FOREIGN OPERATING COMPANIES.

3. QUESTIONS OF FINANCING, PIPELINE ROUTE AND START OF CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUBJECT OF FORTHCOMING EXPERT DISCUSSIONS.

4. ASSUMING PROJECTED PIPELINE WILL FOLLOW PATH OF TAL CRUDE OIL PIPELINE, AUSTRIAN OIL ADMINISTRATION (OEMV) OFFICIALS PLACE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS AT AS 2.6 BILLION (DOLS 124 MILLION) INCLUDING AS 1.7 BILLION FOR AUSTRIAN PORTION OF PIPELINE.

5. INITIAL ANNUAL CAPACITY OF PIPELINE ESTIMATED AT 9 BILLION CU METERS. THIS INCLUDES IMPORTERS BAYERN GAS - 2 BILLION CM, GASVERBUND SUEDE - 2, AUSTRIA FERNGAS - 2, SWISS GAS - 0.5, AND PROVIDES FOR 2.5 BILLION CM OF RUSSIAN GAS TO BE IMPORTED BY FRANCE VIA PROJECTED PIPELINE. REMAINING QUANTITIES OF ALGERIAN GAS DESTINED FOR FRANCE, BELGIUM AND WESTERN PART OF GERMANY WILL BE LANDED IN FES- SUR- MER NEAR MARSEILLE AND DISTRIBUTED VIA SECOND PIPELINE SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN SOURCES. HUMES

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